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SYNOPSIS OR BRIEF REPORT:

1. When the Swiss Department of Justice requested permission to send someone to the American Zone in Germany to interrogate SCHELLENBERG, we pointed out that the moment was ill timed on account of the impending trial of members of the SS, and we suggested that they prepare a questionnaire instead. The enclosed document, in German and English, is that questionnaire.

2. The questions seem to be based on a report smuggled out of Italy by Hans Wilhelm EGGEN, after his interrogation, giving his two friends, HOLZACHER and MAYER, a summary of his statement to the Allies. We have heard indirectly that both HOLZACHER and MAYER are at present in ill odor and we presume these questions are designed to help prepare the case against them. While many of the answers to these questions are undoubtedly in the final SCHELLENBERG interrogation report, in view of the new purpose of these questions, we feel it might be well to present them anew to SCHELLENBERG.

3. We would be grateful if this could be done without delay.

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Pattern of the questions to be submitted for answers to the brigade leader Schellenberg, former chief of office VI of the Reich Security Office in the matter of colonial Müller, captain Meyer, captain Holzach, Col. Major Burchhardt.

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1. With what Swiss personalities did you have connections?
 - a) Besides Masson, do you in any way especially know the following gentlemen: cpt. Meyer, cpt. Holzach, Major Wuest, Zurich, Major Burchhardt, colonel of the General Staff Müller, Commissioner Maurer of the Federal Police, col. Guisan, Dr. Lalsiger, chief of the Federal Police, Dr. Rothmund?
 - b) If so, in what way and for what purpose did these connections exist?
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 - a) How often did you meet Col. Masson during the war? When and where did these meetings take place?
 - b) Outside of your dealings with Masson, did you have any other connections with other Swiss personalities? If so, how and for what purpose?
 3. What were the topics of your conversations with Masson?
 - a) Did a one-sided or a mutual exchange of material and information of the Swiss and German secret services respectively take place?
 - b) Did you receive indications regarding details of the internal political conditions of Switzerland from Masson?
 - 4) The Allies have handed to the Swiss authorities a protocol including 13 points of your statements concerning your relations with the Swiss information service. Under figure 3 of this protocol (in German translation) the following statement may be read:

"I was always consciously aiming at representing the contact with Masson as an important political contact and at doing all I could to fill Masson with a sense of his importance."

Will you make detailed comments in this respect?

 - a) What, in detail, did the conversations with Masson consist of?
 - b) What, especially, was the topic of the conversations with regard to politics?
 - 5) Hügel declared at the time of his questioning by the Swiss authorities with regard to your connection with Masson: "Schellenberg told us, incidentally, that we should not imagine now that Masson or any other Swiss officers were quoted his big V-men", but that the interchange of ideas with Masson regarding the general state of the war, the obvious question of the inclusion of Switzerland in the war, and also
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questions of a purely economic character were very useful to him."

- a) What economic questions were discussed during these conversations?
- b) In what connection were the results of these conversations economically valuable to Germany?

e. & 6. You used Eggen as a liaison-man:

- a) Did Eggen have, at the beginning of his mission, German instructions to contact the Swiss information service or was this contact established by chance as a result of the barracks deal?
 - b) Did your exchange of ideas with Kassar take place at the occasion of your meetings or was it kept up continuously by means of the man Eggen?
7. What was Eggen's position within the German administration? What was his position with the SS? Did he also have official functions with regard to economics?
8. According to the protocol of your statements, received by us from the Allies (figures 6 and 7) the information which was of interest to you with regard to conditions in Switzerland and which was handed to you by Eggen originated from captains Holzach and Meyer.

Can you prove these statements in any way?

9. Eggen has secretly forwarded to Captains Meyer and Holzach from Italy a synopsis of his statements made to the Allies and a declaration to their discharge with regard to your statements, which has come to the knowledge of the Swiss authorities. Regarding your statement concerning Holzach and Meyer, Eggen accuses you of lies and malicious intentions and declares never to have received his information from either Meyer or Holzach.

What are your remarks to this?

10. At the end of your statements to the Allies, you have mentioned the payment of fr.50000.- to Captain Meyer in connection with the barracks deal. You further stated that upon repeated requests you had made it possible for Eggen to send in the name of Holzach (that is to say Interkommerz Zürich) two large cases containing precious watches to an address in Spain, by which transaction you supposed Holzach to have made a considerable gain.

- a) Was this financial privilege meant as a reward to Meyer and Holzach for services rendered by them to Germany especially in the domain of information?
- b) Were similar privileges granted or payments made to any other persons of this circle also?
- c) Are any other cases known to you in which official or semi-official Swiss personalities were paid fees by German Offices for a certain activity or a certain attendance?

11. How did you finance your information service in Switzerland? Were you in a position to dispose, to this end, of definite accounts of certain "Swiss" trading companies? C-1

What do you have to say to the following statement of Zeindler, leader of the Division of Economy of Office VI W I of the RSHA in Berlin on the occasion of his questioning on February 5, 1946?

"As, for its informational activities, Office VI had only limited accounts of foreign currency at its disposal in Switzerland, the chief of the office, Schellenberg, intended to support his especial information lines with the help of this barracks deal. The prices for these barracks had already been ratified by the Ministry of Economics at Berlin, so that the money could not be put in readiness by an immediate raise of the price. Eggen, owner of the Warenvertriebs GmbH and at the same time Schellenberg's liaison-officer, suggested at that time to establish a corporation in Switzerland through which the barracks deal could be handled separately. By this means it became possible to add to the already existing approved prices, an additional commission, which could be disposed of upon Schellenberg's directions. This proposition was accepted by Schellenberg and realized in Switzerland by Eggen." (Interkammer)

If that statement is correct, to what Swiss persons have payments been transmitted?

- C-1 12. Do you know any details regarding the cooperation of Eggen with the German consul Daafelt at Lausanne?

Was the relationship Eggen/Daafelt brought about by your instructions and was its object an activity in the information service?

13. a) What do you know concerning the dealings between Eggen and Col. Werner Müller, substitute of Hassen in the Swiss information service?
b) Do you know Col. Müller personally? Or were you in contact with him in any other way?
c) What do you know regarding the attitude of Col. Müller toward your connection with Hassen?

14. Do you know anything at all about efforts supposed to have been made in the spring of 1942 by personal discussion - between Police and Security organs of Germany and Switzerland in order to strengthen the contacts with a view of eliminating especially those elements in Switzerland who were working against the interests of Germany (among others emigrants, communists etc.)

15. Do you know any thing about a meeting on the Wolfsegg, the property of Capt. Meyer, where he, Eggen and Col. Müller conspired regarding this matter?

a) If so, at what time were the instructions given Eggen and what was the purpose of them?

b) If not, did such conversations take place at any other time, possibly among other participants?
c) If so, where and between whom?

16. Did you at any time come in contact with Dr. Rothmund, ^{CR} former chief of the Police Division of the Federal Department of Justice and Police?

- a) What was the occasion?
- b) What was discussed?

17. What do you know concerning the stay in Berlin of Dr. Rothmund in October 1942?

- a) Did he try to get in touch with you?
- b) If so, what were his wishes?

18. Eggen writes in his synopsis forwarded to Switzerland, that the Swiss civilian authorities had tried, since the Masson/Schellenberg association was running smoothly, to establish in addition to the Masson connection to Berlin, an equivalent one as a parallel for the civilian sector. To this effect "Dr. Rothmund travelled to Berlin" in order to create this contact between the Swiss Police, the Federal Department of Justice and Police and the RSHA. As Schellenberg considered such a relationship between the Federal Council and Berlin as overlapping his own contact, through Masson, with the Swiss General Staff, he caused Dr. Rothmund to be received most cordially in all the departments but saw to it that he had to return to Switzerland without results."

Is this statement of Eggen correct?

19. Do you know anything about a later similar mission which is said to have taken Commissioner Maurer of the Federal Police to Berlin and to have failed on the same bases?

20. a) Did Commissioner Maurer ever try to contact you?

b) On what matters have you negotiated with him?

21. Were you ever informed by Eggen that Colonel Muller tried to contact you directly with Eggen's intervention by eliminating Masson?

22. Masson declares that you and Eggen made insinuations to him, that he should watch out for certain co-workers.

- a) Who was meant by these unreliable co-workers?
- b) What was the reason of this warning?

23. What connections did you have with the Swiss Military and Air Attaché Major of the General Staff Burchard in Berlin? What was the objective of your connection with him?

24. Eggen insists that for a long time you refused to receive Burchard. Is this correct? If so, why?

Did Burckhard ever place at your disposal any kind of material of the Swiss Secret Service?

26. Did Eggen ever, as he states, hand to you any such material handed to him by Burckhardt and intended for you?
27. Can you remember any statement regarding landed allied units at the time of the invasion and alist containing some figures of units which are supposed to have been received by you or by some other German officers?

Eggen asserts that among other material this information was transmitted to you by Burckhardt. He further asserts that Colonel Müller attempted to establish a direct line to you via Burckhardt independent of the Masson line. You are supposed to have refused for a long time to receive Burckhardt, but then to have received the evidence of the information service without reacting to the efforts of Burckhardt and Müller.

What do you have to say to that?

28. Hügel declares at his questioning that you also had a contact with Switzerland through a certain Swiss physician, Dr. Crisis (or a name sounding like that) and his assistant who were working at the Berlin Charité.

- a) To what persons does this refer?
- b) What was the purpose and substance of this connection?
- c) Does this line have any relation to the connection with Masson?

29. What relations did you entertain with Colonel Henri Guisan, son of the Swiss General?

- a) Was this connection also one entertained for information purposes?
- b) If not what else did it concern?

30. Regarding the individual Dr. J. Barwirsch, Davos.

- a) Do you know Dr. Barwirsch?
- b) What brought about your relationship with him?
- c) How often did Dr. Barwirsch call at Office VI?
- d) What reports and information did he bring? Did Dr. Barwirsch especially advocate the union of Switzerland with Germany?
- e) What is your opinion of the reports of Dr. Barwirsch?
- f) With what other persons of Office VI did Dr. Barwirsch have dealings?
- g) What were the relations of Dr. Barwirsch to Halton-Booth? Who is his confidant?

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